

REMARKS

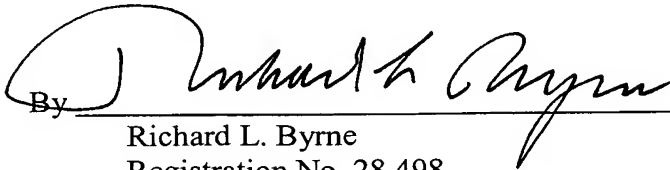
Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 9-20 were pending in this application. Based upon Applicant's Amendment dated October 14, 2005, the Examiner required a restriction between (I) Claims 1-4 and 6-8; and (II) Claims 9-20. The Examiner has allowed claims 9-20, has asserted that claims 1-4 and 6-8 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention and closed prosecution on the merits under *Ex parte Quayle*. In the Amendment dated January 9, 2006, Applicant had attempted to amend claim 1 to overcome the newly added restriction requirement. However, the Examiner deems the Amendment as non-responsive and an attempt to reopen prosecution on the merits.

In response, Applicant has now cancelled claims 1-4 and 6-8. Therefore, only claims 9-20 remain in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the allowance of claims 9-20 be maintained and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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